

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Minutes of UWAC
Monday, January 10th, 2022
Online Meeting

Architectural Commission

X	Renee Cheng, Chair	Dean, College of Built Environments	Voting
X	AnnMarie Borys, Vice Chair	Associate Professor, College of Built Environments	Voting
X	Linda Jewell	Partner, Freeman & Jewell	Voting
X	Andrea Leers	Principal, Leers Wienzapfel Associates	Voting
X	Cathy Simon	Design Principal	Voting
X	John Syvertsen	Chairman, Board of Regents, American Architectural Foundation	Voting
X	Edwin Harris	Principal & Co-Founder, EVOKE	Voting
	Bobbie Koch	Student Representative, Architecture	Voting
X	Juan Valenzuela	Student Representative, Architecture	Voting
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X	Steve Tatge	Associate Vice President, UW Facilities (Interim)	Ex Officio
	Lou Cariello	Vice President, UW Facilities	Ex Officio
X	Kristine Kenney	University Landscape Architect, UW Facilities	Ex Officio

Minutes by Laura Salish, Executive Assistant to the Director of Campus Architecture & Planning

Call to Order

The Chair of the Architectural Commission and Dean of the College of Built Environments, Renee Cheng, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Past Minutes and Current Agenda

The October 25th and 26th meeting minutes and current agenda were approved with edits.

2022 UWAC Schedule Overview of Projects

- ICA Basketball Operations & Health and High-Performance project update will be provided at the March meeting.
- UW Medical Center Membrane Project update will be provided at March Meeting.
- Health Science Education Building construction is nearly complete. We're selecting the design team for the T-Wing renovation in the spring of 2022. The project includes strategic renovation of classrooms and simulation lab spaces, specifically targeted to keep the project under the substantial alteration threshold.
- Interdisciplinary Engineering Building project update will be provided at the March meeting.
- Anderson Hall Renovation will proceed pending inclusion in the FY23 Capital Budget Request.

CoEng Interdisciplinary Engineering Building

Jennifer Reynolds—UW Project Manager

David Feaster, Billie Faircloth, and Stephen Kieran – Kieran Timberlake

Kabri Lehrman Schmid, Morgan May – Hensel Phelps

IEB Project Goals

- Meet a small portion of the CoEng growth projections
- The building will be an important part of the on-campus student experience and centralized space for Engineering envisioned as a “home base” or “engineering central”
- Commitment to providing support to a full range of engineering disciplines and project-based learning
- Silo-free learning environment

Project & Permitting Schedule

- The schematic design equivalent phase has been completed
- Working on submitting the foundation and structural permits

Site Conditions

- The east-west slope of 30 feet and exceptional trees are critical to the character of the site
- This project needs to set a precedent for how to build on the slope and create new accessible pathways

Stakeholder Engagement Framework

- High-level insights - Space types and planning values
- Medium level insights - Inclusive space and place
- Detailed insights - 1:1 or group-based discussions
- Outcomes - program, and attributes of spaces that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion

Program

- Project space
- Classroom space
- Curricular space
- Student socialization
- Student support
- AI institute

IEB Progress on Shaping Equitable Spaces

- Established a Management Project Working Team that will continue through occupancy - how the spaces are equipped and who can access what and where
- Art integration
- Site access and accessibility
- Building program decisions with a focus on affinity group offices, student focused spaces, varied experiences, and resources throughout the building

Design Approach

- Extraordinarily diverse site with some very different ecologies
- Working around legacy trees, creating continuity between the buildings. Anchor the future landscape
- Façade concepts focus on terrain, sky & tree canopy, community, and sustainability
- Material options are focusing on masonry for cost, maintenance, and consistency
- Desire to express the thinness of the material and positioning of fenestration to express this approach
- 2/3 Opaque, 1/3 Glazing for windows: views, daylight, solar radiation management, programmatic requirements, visual connectivity, etc.

Comments

- Excellent presentation to discuss the thinking and resolution of the project, very understandable, especially with the site visit at the prior meeting.
- The approach to the project comfortably inhabits the site and embraces the program with humble deference to the site which is driving the design.
- The compatibility of the design language for this project and the Faculty Building is well thought through and appreciated.
- The thinness of the brick is intriguing, attention to how this meets the ground or the base material will be critical.
- Ensure the expression of water is more than just an expression mechanism and provides information for how the water is managed on site.
- Feels like there's a little tension or competing of entrance hierarchy between the front porch and the portal that

- needs clearer resolution, including messaging the portal is a destination without passage beyond (at this time).
- The constant back and forth between the interior space and green vegetated spaces creates a rich experience. Consider the lifespan of the existing trees and think about how these will phase out over time, allowing for the site to evolve into something spectacular in the future.
- Views from the HUB indicate that mechanical screening will be important.
- Looking forward to the continued development of the shaping of the interior spaces and the views they will have outward.
- This presentation provides an excellent model for future projects to follow, particularly related to the site walk and series of diagrams for the building envelope.

Site W27 Project Update

Shane Ruegamer – UW Project Manager

- Legal Challenges: Good news was received on January 7 - Of the three allegations- two were dismissed from the bench. With that precedent, the third claim should be easy to dismiss.
- Massing scenario presented at the conclusion of the design charrette - evolution from the wedding cake to a more free-flowing ground plane with increased landscape space and a simplified tower – was resubmitted and approved by City. Overall, this solution is cost-neutral.
- Likely going to break ground in late 2022/early 2023, about 5 months behind the original schedule. A lot of work to be done between now and March BOR approval.

The next meeting will be held in person on Monday, March 14th, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 11 am.